(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have assessed liability against each of these companies;

(e) if so, upto what period and what was the liability assessed in favour of each; and

(f) what is the balance amount recoverable from these units on 30th June, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) During the three years period of 1986—89, the aggregate of the payments made to IDPL and HAL from DPEA, was about Rs. 5 crores and 1.32 crores respectively.

(b) to (f) The account is being scrutinised and the information will be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as possible.

Exemption of finished medicines from price control

773. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that finished medicines sold under generic name are exempted from price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no excise duty is levied on such medicines;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of these finished medicines are being sold at higher prices than identical products which are branded and price controlled;

(d) if so, names of such products; and

(e) what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to rectify?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Single ingredient formulations based on the bulk drugs specified in the second schedule & sold under generic name and all single ingredient vitamin formulations containing individual vitamins specified in the Second Schedule sold either in brand name or in generic name, except the single ingredient vitamin formulations based on the bulk drugs Vit. 'A' and Vit. 'C' sold in brand name, are exempt from price control.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Manufacturers of price decontrolled formulations are free to charge their own price. However, Government intervene in cases where the prices appear to be abnormally high.

Exemption of small scale units from control order

774. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale units are exempted from price control order irrespective of sales turn over:

(b) what are the names of small scale units whose sales turn over per annum is more than 10 crores and what is the turn over of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that price Area Order has been reduced under DPCO, 1987;

(d) whether it is also a fact that small scale sector having turn over of more than Rupees Fifty lacs was under price control under earlier DPCO;

(e) if so, what are the basis under which this sector has been price-decontrolled;

(f) whether it is also a fact that most of large units have set up small units to avoid price control; and

(g) if so, what are the names of large units who have set up small scale units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, small scale sector units are exempt from the price control in respect

of formulations based on bulk drugs appearing in Category II of DPCO, 1987.

(b) Sales turn over of individual companies is not monitored.

(c) The span of control has been reduced under DPCO 1987 as compared to that in DPCO, 1979.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In order to encourage production activity of small scale sector units they have been exempted from the pricing provision under DPCO, 1987 in respect of Category II formulations subject to certain conditions.

(f) and (g) Authentic information in this regard is not available.

Trade commission on ex-factory value

775. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present Trade Commission on ex-factory value of price controlled formulations;

(b) what part of trade commission is likely to be given on non-scheduled formulations at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that over and above product discount is being given;

(d) if so, what is the approximate percentage;

(e) whether it is also a fact that consumer has to pay exorbitant price of medicine; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to safeguard consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Under DPCO, 1987 no manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler shall sell a formulation to a retailer, unless otherwise permitted under the provisions of this Order or any order made thereunder, at a price equal to the retail price (Excluding excise duty, if any) minus 16 per cent thereof in the case of price controlled drug.

(b) No specific provision in this regard is available under DPCO, 1987.

(c) and (d) These may vary from company to company as per their marketing strategies.

(e) and (f) Prices of controlled formulations are fixed by the Government in accordance with the provisions contained under DPCO, 1987. In so far as non-scheduled formulations are concerned, Government keeps constant watch on their prices. In such cases where the prices appear to be on the higher side, Government intervenes to bring the prices at reasonable level.

Discrepancies in Drugs Price Control Order, 1987

776. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have found a number of discrepancies in Drugs Price Control Order, 1987; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and actions taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Matter is under examination of the Government.

Production of Phenobaritone

777. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Phenobaritone is being produced in the country as well as being imported;